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FOR SAUNDERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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1. INR ANALYSTS WHO PREPARED INR PAPER ON TFAI (STATE 36080) SHOULD BE COMMENDED. IT S A MOST THOUGHTFUL AND CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF A MOST DIFFICULT SUBJECT AND ONE WHICH HAS BEEN OF GREAT BENEFIT TO US HERE. INR REVIEW OF SOMALI STRATEGY -- PARAS EIGHT THROUGH FIFTEEN -- IS EXCELLENT. WE FULLY SHARE ASSESSMENT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN POSITIONS AS WE SEE THEM FROM HERE.

2. IN OUR VIEW, HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE ASPECT WHICH REQUIRES FURTHER INR STUDY AND ANALYSIS AND WHICH NOW ASSUMES GREATER IMPORTANCE IN OUR MIND AS RESULT OF HARD EGYPTIAN MEDIATION EFFORTS ON DJIBOUTI QUESTION (USUN 0667 AND CAIRO 2407), AS WELL AS EGYPTIAN REACTION TO REPORTS OF ISRAELI ADVISORS NEAR DIRE DAWA. THIS IS THE ROLE OF ARAB STATES ALONG RED SEA LITTORAL, PRIMARILY EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA, IN THE DJIBOUTI QUESTION.

3. WHILE THIS DOES NOT FALL WITHIN OUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITIES, WE HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY REACTION OF OUR ARAB COLLEAGUES HERE TO DJIBOUTI PROBLEM. ON BASIS OF OUR OBSERVATIONS, WE WOULD NOTE THAT FUTURE OF TFAI HAS IMPORTANCE FOR THEM WHICH IS EQUAL TO THAT OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS. WE WOULD SUPPOSE

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THAT RECENT EGYPTIAN

INITIATIVE TO HELP RESOLVE FRANCO-SOMALI DIFFERENCES --  
AND WHICH IS SAID TO INCLUDE TFAI REFERENDUM (CAIRO 2407) --  
REFLECTS ARAB CONCERN FOR SOLUTION TO DJIBOUTI PROBLEM WHICH  
IS IN THEIR INTERESTS, NOT RPT NOT ONLY FOR REGIONAL STA-  
BILITY BUT ALSO TO STRENGTHEN THEIR HAND IN RESOLVING MIDDLE  
EAST PROBLEM TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.

4. WHILE BAB-EL-MANDAB'S IMPORTANCE FOR ISRAEL AND FOR  
EILAT-BOUND SHIPPING IS NOT RPT NOT MATTER MOGADISCIO CAN--  
OR SHOULD -- DISCUSS, IT IS A CRUCIAL QUESTION FOR OUR ARAB  
COLLEAGUES HERE. SOMALIA IS STILL MEMBER OF ARAB LEAGUE AND  
THAT FACT ALONE WOULD SEEM TO REQUIRE US TO MORE FULLY ADDRESS  
POSSIBILITIES OF ARAB LEAGUE ROLE, OR SAUDI AND EGYPTIAN ROLE,  
IN RESOLVING DJIBOUTI PROBLEM.

5. SEVERAL QUESTIONS OCCUR TO US:

-- WHAT FORM WOULD ARAB LEAGUE SOLUTION TAKE? A SAUDI/  
EGYPTIAN SOLUTION? COULD ARABS UNDERWRITE THE SECURITY AND  
ECONOMIC COSTS OF INDEPENDENT ARAB MINI-STATE ASTRIDE BAB-  
EL-MANDAB?

-- COULD FRENCH RESIST ARAB SOLUTION? COULD ETHIOPIANS?  
SOMALIS?

-- COULD ARAB MODERATES, LIKE EGYPT AND SAG, SUBORN AFRICAN  
PEOPLE'S INDEPENDENCE LEAGUE (APIL)? (FYI WE WOULD SUPPOSE  
THAT THOUSANDS OF SOMALI EXILES IN SAUDI ARABIA WOULD GIVE  
LATTER SOME ADVANTAGE IN TFAI. END FYI)

- HOW WOULD ARAB SOLUTION AFFECT US INTERESTS?  
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